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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Mike G. Roemmler)
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GRAPHITE WITH HIGH PURITY AND)
RELATED PRODUCTS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of an Appeal Brief under 37 CFR § 1.191. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to correct an antecedent basis error. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment places the claims in better form for consideration on appeal in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116.